

EE-2167

May 2, 2006

Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street NW  
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Finance Docket No. 34797

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I am writing, as a resident and taxpayer in Woburn MA, to beg you to not allow Transrail to operate a "trash transfer station" at the highly contaminated Olin Chemical site on Eames Street in Wilmington MA.

I live in North Woburn, which is very close to the Wilmington/Woburn line, and only a scant couple of miles from the proposed site. North Woburn will bear the brunt of this facility because access to the site will be through our part of the city, both via the local commuter rail line and in the form of at least 400 trucks per day (just to start) on Main Street in North Woburn. Our streets will no longer be safe for our children to ride their bikes or roller blade, both healthy after school activities. These are dense residential areas, both north and south of the proposed site. There are two elementary schools, a day care center and a senior housing complex also in this area. There is the potential for solid and/or liquid waste spills, the noise will be unbearable, the odors and pests will impact the families closest to the proposed site. Most importantly, the land at the Olin Chemical site is contaminated, the extent of which is not yet fully known. This site has just been declared a Superfund site and is in close proximity to two other Superfund sites and two landfills.

Woburn and its residents have suffered in the past as a result of environmental injustice. Please do not allow our city to be tainted again. Please do not put our children at risk, whether it is from increased traffic in the area or any number of potential diseases and chronic respiratory ailments. I especially appeal to you as the parent of a 13 year-old boy with, hopefully, his whole life ahead of him.

You can bet that, if approved, this trash station will grow to include other cities and towns in Massachusetts and other states in this region. I beg you to help us by deciding against this proposed site. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



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